



## PROJECT R.O.P.E. Intake Packet

**Redirection Outdoor Program Experience (R.O.P.E.)** provides juvenile offenders an alternative to formal court proceedings and offers a chance for these youth to accept responsibility for their actions and move forward in their lives. Through structured activities, this program aims to reduce the recidivism rate among offending youth and provide positive activities for other at-risk youth.

**Project R.O.P.E.** is for non-violent 11 to 17 year old boys and girls. During the mandatory portion of the program, youth attend four meetings per month and are required to perform 20 hours of community service. A typical group has 15 to 25 members who participate together throughout the three-month program. The groups are offered 12 workshops presented by community Partners

### WORKSHOPS

Week	Workshop	Community Partner
1	Introduction to the Program	Rope Youth Staff
2	Texas Legal / Judicial System	Judge Detman / Judge Robnett
3	The True Cost of Crime	FBI
4	Drugs and Alcohol	Midland Memorial Hospital
5	Mental Health Anxiety / Depression	Midland Memorial Hospital
6	Correctional System (Jail Tour)	Midland County Sheriffs Office
7	Citizenship in the Community (Midland)	Mayor Lori Blong
8	Health and Wellness	Midland YMCA
9	Career Planning for a Bright Future	Damon Kennedy Midland College
10	Safe On-Line Surfing / Cyberbullying	FBI
11	Public Health Awareness	Dr. Whitney Craig Midland Health Dept.
12	Leadership / Motivational Speaker / Graduation	

### WHO MUST ATTEND?

The referred juvenile must attend the entire program (12 sessions which meet once a week) until all program requirements are met.

### WHY SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND?

The Project R.O.P.E. Program is being offered to your child as an option to more formal probation services and programs.

*This is an opportunity for your child to develop special interests, grow as an individual and accept personal responsibility.*



**Community Service Requirements  
Must meet 20hrs to complete Program.**

**Every Second Saturday Cleanup crew 9:00am-2:00pm  
Will work as a team to clean Alleys or Roadsides around Midland  
Will get 6 hours of Community Service and there will be 3 opportunities during  
the 12-week program.**

**Midland Memorial Hospital will offer a Mental Health First Aid Class for youth  
and their parents. If youth come alone, it will be worth 4hrs of community  
service, but if they attend with a parent / guardian the youth will get credited  
for 8hrs of community Service.**

**Other Community Service opportunities you will have to check with Program  
Directors for approved Non Profits, Organization and Churches**



## Program RULES

1. No Cussing
2. Youth must wear R.O.P.E. shirt at all meetings, activities, outings and community service.
3. Be on time to all meetings. Check in is between 5:25 and 5:30, if the youth is not at the meeting by 5:40 the meeting will not count towards their required 12 meetings.
4. If youth is disrespectful to speakers or volunteers, they will be asked to leave and the meeting will not count toward their required 12 meetings.
5. Youth must complete 12 meetings. If youth misses:
  - (A) On the first absence, the youth must come to the following meeting with a note from a parent/guardian stating the reason that the absence occurred.
  - (B) On the second absence, the youth must come to the following meeting with a note from a parent/guardian stating the reason that the absence occurred. The youth will be required to do an additional 2 hours of community service.
  - (C) On the third absence the youth will be dismissed from the program.
6. If youth misses an outing, they will have to make it up. Since outings are once a month, missing an outing will delay their graduation by a month.

## DISMISSAL

### ***A Project R.O.P.E. participant will be dismissed from the program for the following reasons:***

1. Automatic dismissal for using alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, or any substance in a manner for which it was not intended which may result in intoxication, or any prescribed medication not prescribed by the participant's personal physician.
2. Automatic dismissal for possession of weapons of any kind at the program meetings, activities, or community service.
3. Automatic dismissal for threats or violence while at a program meeting, activity, or community service.

\*Any additional conditions outlined by the Diversion Officer and included on the R.O.P.E. youth contract signed by the participant at the intake appointment.

## APPEALS

***A participant must initiate an appeal by submitting a written request for appeal to the Executive Director. (Karl Boroski)***

This must be received within 15 days of the date of dismissal. The Executive Director may grant an extension should a genuine hardship arise. The letter must explain the basis of the appeal and must state in detail why the participant believes he/she should be reinstated into the program, and/or how the participant's behavior will differ if permitted to re-enter the program. The Executive Director may then determine to uphold the dismissal or may elect to reinstate the youth back into the program.



## YOUTH CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree with the Referring Agency to undertake all of the duties specified hereafter.

I agree not to violate any laws of the State of Texas or municipal ordinances.

I agree to allow any judicial agency to notify Project R.O.P.E. of any subsequent offense and the degree of that offense for which I am ticketed, taken into custody, or summoned for court.

I agree to attend school (or an education program) while involved with Project R.O.P.E. I understand that any unexcused absence or violation of school rules resulting in expulsion would also be considered a violation of this contract.

I agree to totally abstain from the use of alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, or any substance used in a manner for which it was not intended which may result in intoxication or an impaired stated of consciousness, or any controlled substance that is not prescribed to me by my personal physician.

I agree to pay a \$100 registration fee, or that the fee will be paid by my parent/guardian on my behalf. \$75 will be returned you or your parent if you graduate in the 12-week window.

I agree to complete sixteen (20) community service hours.

I agree not to wear, display, use, or possess any insignia, emblem, hat, scarf, bandana, or any article of clothing which is or may be considered evidence of affiliation with any street gang or satanic cult while at the program meetings, activities, or community service. I agree not to wear any articles of clothing that promote drugs, alcohol, or any illegal activities. I agree not to wear inappropriate or revealing clothing.

I agree to meet with the diversion officer any time upon his/her request.

I agree that Project R.O.P.E. may make available to any court-affiliated agency or agencies specified in this agreement all records, notes, or dates of any kind that are made regarding my participation, or lack of participation, with Project R.O.P.E.

I agree not to possess weapons of any kind at the program meetings, activities, or community service.

I agree to maintain confidentiality regarding all participants.

I agree that any negative behavior may result in a review of my continued participation by the Advisory Committee.

I agree to participate in monthly High Adventure Outings.

I may be terminated from the program at the discretion of the Advisory Committee.

I agree to complete the following additional condition(s) as outlined by the Diversion Officer:

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*The following signature attests to the commitment of the youth to participate in the program and to comply with the conditions of participation in the program as outlined above.*



## PARENT/GAURDIAN CONTRACT

In consideration of allowing my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Project R.O.P.E. at the direction of a referring agency, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. My child will participate in the various activities of the program.
2. I will pay a \$100 registration fee for my child's participation in the program. If unable to do so I will immediately notify Project R.O.P.E. staff.
3. As a parent/guardian of the child, I will support the program and will participate in any and all activities which may be required of me.
4. I will ensure my child has hiking shoes and proper fitting socks (year round) and a winter coat and gloves (winter months) for use on high adventure outings. If this is not possible, I will immediately notify Project R.O.P.E. staff.
5. My child may be brought before the Advisory Committee for review of his/her continued participation in the program if his/her behavior is negative or does not comply with the duties undertaken by the youth as specified in the youth contract.
6. If my child is taken into custody for committing any new offense, he/she may be discharged from the program. This decision is at the discretion of the Program Director or Advisory Committee. I agree to allow any judicial agency to notify Project R.O.P.E. of any subsequent offense and the degree of that offense for which my child is ticketed, taken into custody, or summoned for court.

Additional Conditions:

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*The following signatures attest to the commitment of the child's parent/guardian to participate in the program and to comply with the conditions of participation in the program as outlined above.*

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Parent/guardian

Date

**Midland Project R.O.P.E. Location:  
Meeting will Take place at Midland College  
Will give exact location during intake meeting.**

For information contact:  
Karl Boroski 432-553-3116 • [karl@ropeyouth.org](mailto:karl@ropeyouth.org)



**The following is a list of items to bring with you for a typical camping trip.**

***NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED...NOT EVEN A POCKET KNIFE***

Tennis shoes or hiking boots and clothes for 2 days – It can be cold in the mornings and at night. It is best to dress in layers so you can remove clothes as the day warms up. Layers means a tank top or under shirt, followed by a thermal or long-sleeved shirt, t-shirt, sweat shirt or hoodie, and jacket or coat on top. You will want thermals (long underwear) or leggings and jeans or sweats on the bottom. Dress comfortably and wear old clothes. This is not time for a fashion show. Girls should dress modestly. No gang-related clothing, and no clothing bearing satanic or drug insignias. You will get dirty and your clothes could tear when hiking, climbing, rappelling. Don't worry about bringing too many clothes...it is better to be warm with too many clothes than cold because you didn't bring enough.

- Under garments for two days. This includes two pairs of good-fitting socks per day. Socks that slip cause blisters when hiking.
- Sleeping clothes: long underwear, socks, sweats, pajamas, etc. A stocking cap is also a good idea. You will be sleeping in a tent outside. You will need to dress appropriately.
- Towel for showering and shower shoes/flip flops.
- Personal hygiene products: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, brush. If you have long hair, you need to bring hair ties, scrunches, barrettes, etc. to hold your hair back while rappelling.
- Medications: Any medications that you take on a daily basis. These need to be in original prescription bottle with dosage indicated and checked in with the R.O.P.E Director.
- Chap stick, lip balm and sun screen.
- Sleeping Bag and Flash Light, if you have one.

***Project R.O.P.E. is not responsible for your personal property and will not be held accountable for lost, stolen or damaged items.***

## **PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE**

During the normal routine of R.O.P.E. activities, classes, outings, volunteer activities, etc, we take pictures and videos of the youth participants. The purpose of this form is to give or deny consent for the use of these images for publicity or promotion of our program.

Youth Participants Name: \_

Your Name (Guardian): \_

Please check the appropriate boxes:

I give my permission for pictures of my child(ren) to be used for publicity or promotion of the R.O.P.E. Program.

I do not want my child(ren)'s pictures to be used for publicity or promotion of the R.O.P.E. Program.

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Parent's Signature

Date

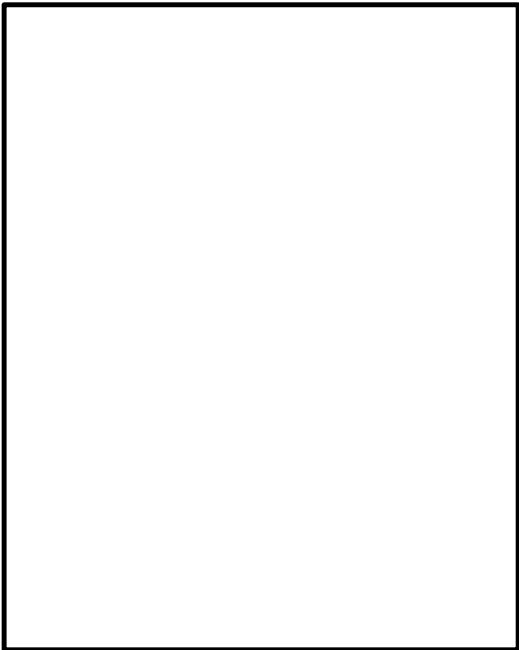


# Project **R.O.P.E**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email referral to [karl@ropeyouth.org](mailto:karl@ropeyouth.org)  
Karl Boroski Executive Director (432) 553-3116





**ROPE**YOUTH

**PROJECT ROPE**

Name:		DOB:
Student Cell:		Grade:
Student Email:	School	

Information for Primary Adult with Whom Youth Resides

Name:	Relationship
Email:	Cell Phone
Occupation	
Address	

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:







**MIDLAND COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Midland County Sheriff's Office Release of Liability

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A minor child do hereby release and absolve the County of Midland Texas, and its commissioners, and the Midland County Sheriff's Office from any liability that may occur due to the participation in a jail tour.

Signature of Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sheriff David Criner.

